

Department Description

The Office of the City Auditor is an independent office that reports and is accountable to the Audit Committee and City Council. The City Auditor conducts performance audits of City departments, offices, and agencies in accordance with government auditing standards.

The audits may assess internal controls over financial reporting and evaluate how well the City complies with applicable laws, rules, and regulations; achieves stated goals and objectives; reports financial and performance information (reliability); efficiently and effectively uses resources; and safeguards and protects assets.

The Office of the City Auditor also administers the City's Fraud Hotline program and performs investigations for all material complaints received related to fraud, waste, and abuse.

The Department's mission is:

To advance open and accountable government through accurate, independent, and objective audits and investigations that seek to improve the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of City government

Goals and Objectives

The following goals and objectives represent the action plan for the Department.

Goal 1: Increase the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of City government through audits and their recommendations

To fulfill its mission, the Department reports its independent and impartial reviews, conclusions, and recommendations based on performance audits, special audits, and reviews conducted. Some audit reports recommend ways to reduce costs or increase revenues. Other audit reports identify opportunities to increase effectiveness, use resources more efficiently, and improve internal controls. An annual audit workplan is prepared and presented to the Audit Committee each fiscal year. The audit workplan targets business processes and programs identified in the annual City-wide risk assessment model. The Department will move towards accomplishing this goal by focusing on the following objectives.

- Reduce costs and increase revenues
- Utilize audits to identify opportunities for improved efficiency and the effective use of resources
- Improve internal controls

Goal 2: Increase the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Office of the City Auditor

During Fiscal Year 2010, the City Auditor will increase its staffing resources allowing the Department to conduct more audits and make recommendations of those business processes and programs identified as high risk in the annual citywide risk assessment model. In addition, City Auditor staff will strive to ensure that all work is completed in accordance to applicable auditing standards. The Department will move towards accomplishing this goal by focusing on the following objective.

Hire, retain, and develop skilled employees

Goal 3: Provide independent, reliable, accurate, and timely information to the Mayor, Audit Committee, City Council, and other stakeholders

The City Auditor intends to provide results of all non-confidential audits to its stakeholders. To this end, the Department intends to provide regular updates to the Audit Committee, as well as copies of all issued audit reports to the Mayor and appropriate City management, members of the City Council and their staff, Audit Committee members, and the residents of San Diego via a newly created City Auditor website. The Department will move towards accomplishing this goal by focusing on the following objective.

Provide audit results, including findings and recommendations, to all relevant stakeholders

Goal 4: Provide independent, confidential and reliable investigations of all material allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse that are reported via the City's Fraud Hotline

The Office of the City Auditor will investigate all material complaints received related to fraud, waste, and abuse. The City Auditor will provide a means for City of San Diego employees and residents to confidentially report any activity or conduct in which he/she suspects any instances of fraud, waste, or abuse, or violations of laws and regulations that should be investigated. The Department will move towards accomplishing this goal by focusing on the following objective.

 Provide investigation results, including recommendations for necessary actions to be taken, for all allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse that are found to be substantiated

Service Efforts and Accomplishments

The City Auditor will propose an annual audit workplan that will identify the planned audits to be undertaken during the fiscal year. The annual workplan will be based on the results of the comprehensive citywide risk assessment and identify required audits, such as the annual inventory audit, close-out audits, and hotline investigations. The goal will be to complete the required audit workplan, and increase the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of City operations through these audits and their recommendations.

Additionally, the City Auditor will conduct testing of internal controls during each performance audit that is conducted, report on control weaknesses that are identified, and make recommendations for corrective action that should be taken. The City Auditor will perform follow-up work on all audit recommendations that are made to determine if proper actions have been taken by management.

The City Auditor will provide regular updates to the Audit Committee regarding the activities and accomplishments of the Office, including producing an annual report and information on management's implementation of audit recommendations.

Budget Dollars at Work: Performance Expectations

Goal 1: Increase the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of City government through audits and their recommendations

	Performance Measure	Baseline FY2008 ¹	Estimated FY2009 ¹	Target FY2010
1.	Percent of recommendations management agrees to implement	N/A	91%	90%
2.	Percent of recommendations reported as implemented by management that was verified by follow up audit testing	N/A	N/A ²	90%
3.	Ratio of City benefits (measurable monetary recoveries and cost savings) to audit costs	N/A	65%	100%
4.	Amount of measurable audit deficiencies (money identified to be recovered by the City) and cost savings	N/A	\$1.1M	\$2.0M

Goal 2: Increase the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of the City Auditor Department

	Performance Measure	Baseline FY2008 ¹	Estimated FY2009 ¹	Target FY2010
1.	Percent of audit workplan completed during the fiscal	N/A	90%	90%
2.	Percent of employees in compliance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS) training requirements	N/A	100%	100%
3.	Number of months with full audit staff (all budgeted positions filled)	N/A	9	9
4.	Percent of staff who hold professional certification(s) or advanced degrees	N/A	91%	100%

Goal 3: Provide independent, reliable, accurate, and timely information to the Mayor, Audit Committee, City Council, and other stakeholders

	Performance Measure	Baseline FY2008 ¹	Estimated FY2009 ¹	Target FY2010
1.	Percent of non-confidential audit reports available via	NA	100%	100%
	City Auditor website within five days of issuance			
2.	Percent users satisfied with timeliness, reliability, and	NA	N/A ²	90%
	value of audit services			

Goal 4: Provide independent, confidential, and reliable investigations of all material allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse that are reported via the City's Fraud Hotline

	Performance Measure	Baseline FY2008 ¹	Estimated FY2009 ¹	Target FY2010
1.	Percent of Hotline Investigation reports substantiating fraud, waste or abuse available via City Auditor website within five days of issuance	NA	100%	100%
2.	Percent of investigations started within two weeks of receiving an allegation of material fraud waste or abuse	NA	NA ³	90%

¹ The Office of the City Auditor was a newly created department starting in July 2008, and began tracking performance information during Fiscal Year 2009.

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² Data was not available at the time of printing.

³ This is a newly established goal for the Office of the City Auditor starting in Fiscal Year 2010. This data was not tracked during Fiscal Year 2009.

Budget Dollars at Work: Sizing and Workload Data

	Actual FY2006	Actual FY2007	Actual FY2008	Estimated FY2009	Target FY2010				
Sizing Data									
Number of audit staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	15				
Ratio of internal audit staff to city employees	N/A	N/A	N/A	.13%	.16%				
T .	Workload Da	ata							
Number of audit and investigative reports issued	N/A	N/A	N/A	26	35				
Number of recommendations issued to improve	N/A	N/A	N/A	107	143				
City operations									
Number of hours spent on audit engagements	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,470	16,860				
Number of presentations made to the Audit	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	12				
Committee									

Department Summary

City Auditor									
			FY 2010 PROPOSED		FY 2009-2010 CHANGE				
Positions		0.00		11.00		14.00		3.00	
Personnel Expense	\$	-	\$	1,562,609	\$	1,823,496	\$	260,887	
Non-Personnel Expense	\$	-	\$	115,019	\$	1,151,515	\$	1,036,496	
TOTAL	\$	-	\$	1,677,628	\$	2,975,011	\$	1,297,383	

Department Staffing

	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2009 BUDGET	FY 2010 PROPOSED
GENERAL FUND			
City Auditor			
City Auditor	0.00	11.00	14.00
Total	0.00	11.00	14.00

Department Expenditures

	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
	BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
GENERAL FUND			
City Auditor			
City Auditor	\$ - \$	1,677,628	\$ 2,975,011
Total	\$ - \$	1,677,628	\$ 2,975,011

Significant Budget Adjustments

GENERAL FUND

City Auditor	Positions	Cost	Revenue
Salary and Benefit Adjustments	0.00 \$	(61,131) \$	0
Adjustments to reflect the annualization of the Fiscal Year 2009 negotiated salary compensation schedule, changes to average salaries, retirement contributions, retiree health contributions, and fringe adjustments.			

Significant Budget Adjustments

GENERAL FUND

City Auditor	Positions	Cost	Revenue
Annual Audit Expense Transfer Transfer of annual audit expense to the City Auditor Department from the Citywide Program Expenditures Department.	0.00 \$	1,000,000 \$	0
Principal Auditor Addition Addition of 2.00 Principal Auditor positions and associated non-personnel expenses.	2.00 \$	245,213 \$	0
Principal Auditor Addition Addition of 1.00 Principal Auditor position and associated revenue per a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Water Department and Metropolitan Wastewater Department.	1.00 \$	122,323 \$	122,323
Equipment/Support for Information Technology Funding allocated according to a zero-based annual review of information technology funding requirements and priority analyses.	0.00 \$	35,898 \$	0
Non-Discretionary Adjustment Adjustments to expense allocations that are determined outside of the department's direct control. These adjustments are generally based on prior year expenditure trends and examples of these include utilities, insurance, and rent.	0.00 \$	28 \$	0
Vacancy Savings Adjustments to personnel expenses to reflect the anticipated savings resulting from positions projected to be vacant for any period of the fiscal year due to personnel attrition and salary differentials for new employees.	0.00 \$	(44,948) \$	0

Expenditures by Category		ETT 2000	EXT. 2000	
Exponential colory category		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
		BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED
PERSONNEL				
Salaries & Wages	\$	-	1,058,936	1,239,282
Fringe Benefits	\$	-	503,673	584,214
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL		-	1,562,609	1,823,496
NON-PERSONNEL				
Supplies & Services	\$	-	94,743	1,109,213
Information Technology	\$	-	-	32,211
Energy/Utilities	\$	-	1,000	4,715
Equipment Outlay	\$	-	19,276	5,376
SUBTOTAL NON-PERSONNEL		-	115,019	1,151,515
TOTAL		-	1,677,628	2,975,011

Revenues by Category	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2009 BUDGET	FY 2010 PROPOSED
GENERAL FUND			
Transfers from Other Funds	\$ - \$	- \$	122,323
TOTAL	\$ - \$	- \$	122,323

Salary Schedule

GENERAL FUND

City Auditor

Class	Position Title	FY 2009 Positions	FY 2010 Positions	Salary	Total
1218	Assoc Management Analyst	1.00	1.00	\$ 63,595	\$ 63,595
2132	Department Director	1.00	1.00	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000
2175	Principal Auditor	0.00	12.00	\$ 87,720	\$ 1,052,635
2228	Principal Accountant	9.00	0.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Vacancy Factor Adjustment	0.00	0.00	\$ -	\$ (44,948)
	Total	11.00	14.00		\$ 1,239,282
CITY AUDITOR TOTAL		11.00	14.00		\$ 1,239,282

City of San Diego	
Fiscal Year 2010 Proposed	Budget